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ILLEGAL IRON ORE MINING
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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether illegal iron ore mining is going on in many parts of the country, particularly in Bellary district, Karnataka;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF CHEMICALS & FERTILISERS AND MINISTER OF STEEL (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)

(a)to(c): Instances of illegal mining in different states are brought to the notice of Central Government from time to time. States are the owners of minerals and illegal mining has serious revenue implications for them. Appropriately, therefore, the responsibility for checking illegal mining, if any, rests with the State Governments and hence detailed information in this regard is not centrally maintained. To effectively curb illegal mining, which also has environmental implications, State Governments have been empowered to make rules for preventing illegal mining, transportation and storage of minerals under the provisions of Section 23 C of the Mines and Minerals (Development & Regulation) Act, 1957.